

REMARKS

III. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-4 and 11-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of U.S. Patent No. 6,351,738 to Clark ("the Clark Patent") and U.S. Patent No. 6,922,675 to Chatterjee ("the Chatterjee Patent").

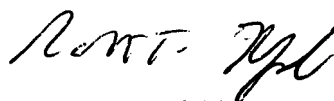
Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections. Applicant submits herewith a Declaration of Prior Inventorship Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 from the inventor. The declaration sets forth facts demonstrating that the inventor conceived of the invention claimed in the present application prior to the earliest priority date of the Chatterjee Patent and was diligent in reducing the invention to practice. Accordingly, Applicant submits that it has overcome the Examiner's rejections.

Applicant further submits that, in view of the attached declaration, it is not required to specifically address the Examiner's positions with respect to applying the Clark Patent and the Chatterjee Patent to the pending claims. Nonetheless, Applicant reserves the right to contest the Examiner's positions with respect to the Clark Patent and the Chatterjee Patent in the future, if necessary.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action mailed November 27, 2006. Applicant and the undersigned thank Examiner Vig for considering these remarks and the attached declaration. Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and such action is hereby solicited. If the Examiner believes that any issues exist that can be resolved by telephone conference, or that any formalities exist that can be corrected by an Examiner's Amendment, please contact the undersigned at (404) 572-3505.

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